

MODEL ANSWER

SUMMER-17 EXAMINATION

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Q. No.	Sub Q. N.	Answer	Mar king Sch eme
Q.1	A)	Attempt any three of the following	12
	a)	What are the basic requirements for designing the HVAC in car?	04
		(Any four points)	
		The main requirements that must be considered in car air-conditioning system design include.	
		1. Occupancy data	04
		2. Dimensions and optical properties of glass	
		3. Outside weather conditions	
		4. Dimensions and thermal properties of materials in car body	
	b)	Enlist different types of duct system used in air distribution	04
		(Any four points)	
		Different types of duct systems used in air distribution are	
		1. Independent case system with upstream blower.	04



	2. Independent case system with downstream blower.	
	3. Split case system.	
	4. Hybrid case system.	
c)	State desirable properties of refrigerant used in air conditioning.	04
	Desirable Properties of a Good Refrigerant: (Any four properties- 1 mark each)	
	1) Thermodynamic Properties:-	
	a) It should have Low Boiling Point.	
	b) It should be below the evaporator temperature.	
	c) It should be above atmospheric pressure.	04
	d) It should have low condensing pressure.	
	e) It should have high latent heat of vaporization.	
	f) It should be above the condensing temperature & pressure.	
	Chemical Properties:-	
	a) It should not be Poisonous or injurious. It should not be non-irritating to eyes.	
	b) It should not be corrosive & should not have any effect on materials used in equipment.	
	c) It should have fewer tendencies to leak & if it is leaking it should be easily detectable.	
	d) It should not be Inflammable.	
	4) Other Properties:-	
	a) It should be easy & safe to handle.	
	b) It should be readily available at low cost.	
	c) It should have high COP & low power requirement.	
d)	d) Explain in brief working of low pressure switch	04
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	Low pressure switch:	
	Working: It is located in the low side of air conditioning system, usually on accumulator.	
	This switch is normally closed and opens when low side pressure drops below 13.8-55.2kPa. It	



	provides data to processor to disengage compressor clutch circuit to prevent compressor operation	04
	during low pressure conditions. Low pressure condition may result due to loss of refrigerant or	
	clogged orifice tube.	
Q.1 B)	Attempt any one.	06
a)	Define human comfort zone. Show comfort zone on Psychometric chart	06
	There is a range of combined temperatures and humidities that provides comfort to most people. This Comfort Zone Chart shows "Indoor Air Temperature" on the vertical axis, "Relative Humidity" on the horizontal axis, and a shaded area known as the "Comfort Zone."	02
b)	65°F 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 Relative Humidity (%)	06
,	Explain with block diagram working of rear heating and cooling system	
	Rear heating system: Some trucks and vans are equipped with rear air distribution system to provide rear heating. A schematic sketch of rear heating system is as shown in figure. Depending on design it may have major components; blower and motor, temperature door, evaporator core with metering device, heater core with flow control, outlet mode door, control panel, and controller. In this system second heater core is located at the rear of passenger compartment. Driver controls overall operation.Some system sallows the rear passenger to control the temperature. For control of rear blower switch is provided at the front or at rear or sometimes at both places. In this system rear blower forces the air into the second heater core from where heated air enters into the distribution section and finally delivered to the rear compartment.	02





2. Rear Cooling system:

Some trucks and vans are equipped with rear air distribution system to provide rear cooling. A schematic sketch of rear cooling system is as shown in following figure. Depending on design it may have following major components; blower and motor, temperature door, evaporator core with metering device, heater core with flow control, outlet mode door, control panel, and controller.

In this system second evaporator core is located at the rear of passenger compartment. Driver controls overall operation. Some systems allow the rear passenger to control the temperature.

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.2		Attempt	any iour	
	a)	Different	ate between controlled and uncontrolled v	entilation. (Any four points)
		Sr.No.	Controlled Ventilation	Uncontrolled Ventilation
		01	Forward movement of car and blower motor forces or rams air through the ducts and into the car.	Uncontrolled ventilation occurs when anyone opens window so that air can enter.
		02	The air from outside enters the vehicle through openings in front grill.	The air from outside enters the vehicle through window.
		03	This system does not provides any quantity of fresh air quickly	This system provides any quantity of fresh air quickly
		04	This system does not allow wind, rain, dust and other airborne particles to enter inside the vehicle.	This system allows wind, rain, dust and other airborne particles to enter inside the vehicle.
		05	Currently this method of ventilation is used in vehicles.	This method has been used for years
		06	The entry of air is controlled by suitable valves or doors.	The entry of air is not controlled by suitable valves or doors.
		07	This system includes heater and air conditioning system	This system does not include heater and air conditioner system.



_	b)	Explain construction of air intake section with neat sketch.	04
		FRESH (OUTSIDE) AIR INLET	02
		Above figure shows schematic sketch of air intake or inlet section. It consists of fresh (outside) air inlet; re circulates (inside) air inlet, a fresh re circulates air door, a blower with motor, and an air outlet. The fresh air inlet provides the system with fresh outside air supply; the re- circulate air inlet provides re circulated in-car air supply. The position of vacuum motor operated fresh/re circulate door depends on system mode. Actually in all modes except maximum cooling, the air supply is from outside. In maximum cooling, the air supply is from inside. Even in the maximum cooling mode, some systems provide for up to 20% fresh air. This is to provide for a slightly positive in-car pressure	02





Figure: Receiver/Drier

A screen is placed in the receiver/drier to catch and prevent the circulation of any debris that may be in the system. The receiver or drier is a cylindrical metal can with two fittings and in most cases, a sight glass. The drier is located in the high pressure side of the air conditioning system. In general, the construction of receiver/drier is such that refrigerant vapor and liquid are separated to insure that 100% liquid is fed to the thermostatic expansion valve. The assembly can be divided into two parts: the receiver and the drier. The receiver section of the tank is storage compartment. This section holds the proper amount of extra refrigerant required by the system to insure proper operation. The receiver insures that a steady flow of liquid refrigerant can be supplied to the thermostatic expansion valve. The drier section of the tank is simply a bag of desiccant, such as silica gel, that can absorb and hold small quantity of moisture.



d)	Explain working of sun load sensor with sketch.	02
	Construction: The sun load sensor is a photochemical diode (PCD) located on top of the	02
	dashboard. This sensor send signal to the electrical climate control module (ECCM) indicating the	
	strength of the sunlight (sun load) which influences the vehicle interior temperature.	
	Working: If the sun load is high as signaled by the sun load sensor the ECCM will activate the	
	highest lower fan speed and max cooling to compensate for this additional radiated heat load.	02
	Likewise if the sun load is low (cloud cover) as sensed by the sun load sensor the ECCM will	
	reduced the blower fan speed and the system will not operate at max cooling.	
e)	Enlist different leak detection methods. Explain in brief any one of them	04
	Different leak detection methods are	
	a) Halide leak detection method	
	b) Fluroscent leak detection method	02
	c) Nitrogen leak detection method	
	Halide Leak Detection Method:	
	Halide leak detector as shown in figure can detect a leak as slight as 0.4536kg in ten years.	
	This instrument is popular because of its low initial cost, ease of handling and simplicity in	
	construction and operation. It consists of two major parts; the detector unit and the gas cylinder.	(Ar
	The gas cylinder is a non refillable pressure tank containing a gas such as propane or butane. The	y one
	detector unit consists of valve, the burner and the search hose.	me
	After igniting the gas and air mixture, the flow of gas is regulated until the flame burns	hoo
	about 6mm above the opening in the reactor plate. The plate is heated by flame to red hot	02)
	temperature. When search hose comes into contact with leaking refrigerant, the refrigerant is	
	drawn into the search tube and is brought to the receiver plate, where different colour flames are	
	produced. in the burner. If the flame colour is blue, there is no leak, if the flame colour is yellow-	
	green the leak is small, if the flame colour is bright blue purple the leak is large. If the leakage is	
	severe, the flame is put out.	





Fluorescent Detection Method: The user adds a small amount of fluorescent dye into the air conditioning system, and then allows the dye to circulate throughout the system. Wherever the refrigerant escapes, so does the dye.

Although the refrigerant evaporates, the dye remains at the sites of all leaks. When the system is scanned with a high-intensity ultraviolet or UV/blue light lamp, the dye glows bright yellow to pinpoint the precise location of every leak.

This method cuts refrigerant expenses because we find leaks while they are very small. And since we find the leaks so quickly, our labor costs have been reduced considerably." This method reduces inspection time by 75 percent or more. This leak detection method is so accurate that it locates the smallest, most elusive leaks in tubing, soldered joints, fittings, coils, valves, compressors, and more.

Nitrogen Detection Method:

Nitrogen Leak test – Regulator Operations:

- 1. Turn valve A on regulator counter clockwise until loose.
- 2. Open valve B on nitrogen cylinder, supply gauge will read 2000/2200lb when full







		This heating system has three doors.	
		1. The temperature door can be moved to permit more or less air to flow through the heater	
		core.	
		2. The air door can be operated to allow full air flow or no air flow, or any position in	
		between.	
		3. The defroster door can be moved to project the heated air on the inside of windshield or to	
		the outlet of the heater in the car.	
		All these doors are operated manually by control levers or knobs on the instrument panel.	
3		Attempt Any two	16
	a)	State the environmental and safety aspects in automobile air conditioning. Explain in detail with	08
1		example.	
		Answer:-	
		Environmental aspects(any4)	
		1. To avoid ozone depletion we can replace CFC-12 by HFC-134a.	
		2. In HVAC system less CO2 released.	
		3. Emissions to air: emissions like smoke, dust, odour, and fumes from automobile HVAV should be minimum. Efforts must Bb e taken to avoid these emissions.	
		4. Vibrations and Noise: HVAC adds number of components; fuel cost is more in operating HVAC.	08
		In vehicle vibrations and sound developed due to friction and shocks. Proper use of dampers and shock resistant is used to avoid vibration and sound. it will affect environment.	
		Safety aspects-(any4)	
		1. Always wear eye protection when servicing air conditioning system or handling refrigerants.	
		2. Avoid breathing refrigerant and lubricant vapour or missed.	
		3. Do not allow refrigerant to come in contact with open flames and high temp surfaces.	
		4. Service equipments should not be pressure tested or leak tested with compressed air.	
	b)	Explain with net sketch the construction of scroll type compressor.	08
		Answer:-Construction of scroll type compressor:	
		Constructional features of scroll type compressors are as shown in the figure. It consists of refrigerant temperature sensor, moveable scroll, delivery port, intake port, low pressure service valve, front plate, needle bearing, stud pin, crankshaft, eccentric bushing, ball coupling, and fixed	



scroll etc.

Figure: Scroll compressor

Scroll-type compressors have two metal scrolls, one fixed and one moveable, which provide an eccentric motion. As the compressor shaft rotates, an eccentric bushing on the shaft drives the moveable scroll, and refrigerant is forced against the fixed scroll, and towards its center. The motion creates an increase in pressure toward the center of the scroll. The refrigerant vapor moves in a circular pattern, and its pressure is increased as it moves toward the center of the scroll. The high pressure refrigerant is released through a delivery port located at the center of the scroll. Scroll-type compressors provide a longer effective compression stroke, and a smoother start-up than other compressor designs, and they produce less vibration.





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		MOVABLE SCR	IOL I	DELIVERY PORT
				FIXED SCHOLL
c)			, causes and their remedies	if compressor is not starting in car air
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	Answe	r: (Any four)(2 mark	ks each)	
	Sr.No	Fault	Causes	Remedies
			Loose Components	Tightening
	1	Noise in	Lack of oil	Replenish the oil level and check the bearings
		compressor	Piston	Check debris on piston
			Loose floor mounting	Tightening of bolts
			Broken belt	Replace belt
		Compressor not	Broken clutch wire	Repair wire
	2	working	Bad thermostat	Repair thermostat
			Bad clutch coil	Repair
		Low Compressor	Leakage system	Repair leakage
	3	discharge pressure	Defective expansion valve	Repair valve
			Suction valve closed	Open it
		High compressor	Air in system	Recharge system
	4	High compressor discharge pressure	Air in system Clogged condenser	Recharge system Clean condenser



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		Low suction pressure	Refrigerant shortage	Add refrigerant	
	5		Worn compressor piston	Replace compressor	
			Compressor suction valve leaking	Change valve	
		High suction pressure	Loose expansion valve	Tighten valve	
	6	pressure	Overcharged system	Remove some refrigerant	
			Expansion valve stack open	Replace expansion valve	
4 A)	Attem	pt any three			12
a)	Explai	in the working of the	rmostatic expansion valve with	neat sketch	04
	clamp and it refrige This e pressu to eva system evapo flow o	ed on to the evaporal measures only the t erant temp. at the ev exerts downward pressure & the superheat s porator coil. As the temp. of n. This decreases p	tor outlet pipe and it is insulate emperature of refrigerant, as it aporator outlet increase the pres- ssure on the diaphragm is greater pring pressure, as a result valve refrigerant decrease, it decrease ressure on the diaphragm & t	milar gas). The capillary remote bulb is ed from the outside air with special tape leaves the evaporator. Any increased in ssure in the remote bulb & tube system. r than the combination of the evaporator is open and increase flow of refrigerant es pressure in the remote bulb and tube this pressure less than combination of lowing the valve tube close and control DIAPHRAGM	02



	Figure Thermostatic Expansion Valve	
b)	Enlist various metering device used in Automobile air conditioning	04
	Answer:(2 marks each)	
	a)thermostatic expansion valve-1) internal equalized type2) external equalized type	
	b) orifice tube	
c)	State the function of i) in car temperature sensor ii) Time delay relay	0
	Answer:-In-car temp. sensor:	0
	In car temp sensor located in aspirator &n its function is to monitor car in side temp continually.	
	INSTRUMENT PANEL	
	IN CAR AIR	
	ASPIRATOR	
	IN MAIN AIRSTREAM	
	Fig:- In car temp sensor	
	Time Delay Relay: The time delay control unit is designed to prevent the heat cycle from coming on in the automatic unit until the engine coolant has reached temperature of 43.340C. The unit consists of two resistors, capacitors, and transistors. Following figure shows time delay circuit of the wiring diagram.	
	12 V TO DEICE SWITCH	
		0
	Figure: Time delay relay	
d)	Explain in detail the moisture removal procedure from automobile air conditioning	0
	Answer: - Liquid refrigerant enters through the inlet. Any dirt is filtered by the filter pads and moisture is absorbed from the refrigerant by the desiccant. Any refrigerant vapor that does not	02



	liquefy in the condenser, is trapped and held until it condenses. Finally, clean and dry liquid refrigerant leaves the receiver dehydrator and goes to expansion valve. Evaporator also helps in dehumidification, as warmer air travels through the aluminum fins of cooler evaporator coil, the moisture content in the air condenses on its surface.					
	Desiccant					
	Fig:- Moisture control by receiver drier	02				
B)	Attempt ant one	06				
a)	Explain the working of remote bulb with neat sketch	06				
	Answer:- working of remote bulb: Figure shows remote bulb. One end of capillary tube is connected to remote bulb and other end is connected to thermostatic expansion valve. A remote bulb filled with refrigerant same like refrigerant in A/C system. It is located at evaporator outlet. It maintains pressure on diaphragm against evaporator pressure and spring pressure. As temperature of refrigerant at the outlet of evaporator increases, the temperature in the remote bulb also increases and get vaporized and vapour exerts pressure on diaphragm and diaphragm get open.	03				
	Refrigerant Remote bulb	03				
	Figure: Remote bulb					



	b)	State the function of following components i) vacuum restrictor ii) check relay	0
		Answer:- (03- marks each)	
		i) Vacuum restrictor: vacuum restrictor restrict vacuum when the engine turn off & store vacuum in tank/reservoir. It prevents leakage of vacuum.	
		ii) Check Relay: It prevents vacuum loss during low manifold vacuum conditions and	
		maintain the sufficient vacuum in the system mode operations during these periods	
5		Attempt any TWO	1
	a)	Draw general layout of 'Automotive Air Conditioning System 'and show all the components & explain its working	0
		Following are the basic components in every automobile air conditioning system.	0
		1. Compressor : It is used to compress vapour refrigerant coming from the evaporator and supply high pressure vapour refrigerant to condenser.	
		2. Condenser: The function of the condenser is to condense vapour refrigerant into liquid.	
		3. Expansion valve: The function of expansion valve is to meter and control the flow rate of liquid refrigerant and reduce the temperature of liquid refrigerant.	0
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		the liquid refrigerant.	
		5. Accumulator or receiver drier: The receiver drier act as storage tank for the liquid refrigerant	
		and also absorbs the moisture from the refrigerant.	
	b)	Explain with neat sketch the construction of 'Electromagnetic Switch'.	08
		Lead wire	04
		Armature Bearing Armature Bearing Snap ring Pulley assembly rotor assembly	
		Figure: Assembly of electromagnetic clutch	
		Construction	
		The air conditioning compressor has an electromagnetic clutch that can engage or disengage the compressor pulley. The compressor pulley always turns when the engine is running, but the compressor only runs when the pulley is engaged to the compressor driving shaft. When this system is activated, current runs through the electromagnetic coil. The current attracts it to the armature plate. The strong magnetic pull draws the armature plate against the side of the turning pulley. This locks the pulley and the armature plate together; the armature plate drives the compressor. When the system is deactivated, and current stops running through the electromagnetic coil, flat springs pull the armature plate away from the pulley. The magnetic coil does not turn since its magnetism is transmitted through the pulley to the armature. The armature plate and hub assembly are fastened to the compressor drive shaft. When it's not driving the compressor, the clutch pulley turns on a double row of ball bearings	04
	c)	What is 'climate control'? Explain the working of electronic climate control with block diagram	08
		Climate Control:- The electronic climate control (ECC) System offers automatic control of the front and rear rooftop air conditioners and furnace/s in the motor home. The system includes an energy management system that shuts off the air conditioners when necessary to prevent electrical over load. It also includes a number of features that provide the owner with the most comfortable temperature controlled environment possible.	02







		The main functions of the accumulator are-	
		a) To store excess refrigerant and	
		b) Remove moisture from the system. If any liquid refrigerant is passed out of the evaporator it is stored by accumulator because liquid cannot be compressed. Liquid refrigerant can damage the compressor. Like the receiver drier the accumulator also uses desiccant to remove moisture from the system.	
		ii) Receiver:-	
		a) It maintain sufficient amount of refrigerant in system	
		b) It condensate vapour refrigerant & convert it into liquid refrigerant which further passes to thermostatic valve.	02
		It removes moisture, dust durt from liquid refrigerant.	
	b)	Enlist various types of switches used in automobile air conditioning system	04
		(Any 4 types of switches)	
		i) Low pressure switch	
		ii) High pressure switch	04
		iii) High pressure control switch	
		iv) Superheat switch	
		v) Low side temp switch	
		High side temp switch	
	c)	What is 'Aspirator'? Explain its concept in brief	04
		Aspirator: - The aspirator is small duct system which is so designed that it causes small amount of in car air to pass through it, as shown in figure. The main air stream causes low pressure at inlet end of the aspirator. This causes in-car air to be drawn into the in-car sensor plenum. The in-car sensor, located in plenum, is continuously exposed to average in- car air to monitor the in-car air temperature	02
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d)	State the use of 'vacuum pump'. Explain the procedure of vacuumisation with the vacuum pump	04
	Use of Vacuum Pump:-Vacuum pump used to for evacuation ,to remove refrigerant, moisture & air from AC system Vacuumisation Procedure:-The various components used in vacuum system are reserve tank; check valve, vacuum pump and vacuum motor. Connection for evacuation of system is shown in figure. Whenever opened, a/c system must be evacuated by using a vacuum pump. Connect low and high charging hoses of manifold gauge set respectively as follows- Attach central charging hose of manifold gauge set to vacuum pump. Operate vacuum pump and then open suction side valve of manifold gauge set. If there is no blockage in the system, there will be an indication on high pressure gauge. When this occurs, open the other side valve of the set. Approximately 10 minute later, low pressure gauge should show a vacuum lower than 760 mm of Hg providing no leakage exists. Evacuation should be carried out for a total of at least 15 minutes. Continue evacuation until low pressure gauge indicates vacuum less than 760mm of Hg and then close both the valves. Stop vacuum pump, disconnect central charging hose from pump inlet. Now the system is ready for charging refrigerant.	02



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	Suction valveOpen<	02
e)	What do you mean by 'Visual Acoustic' check?	04
	 (Any 4 points) 1. Insufficient Cooling 2. Noise in compressor 3. Compressor not working 4. Low Compressor discharge pressure 5. High compressor discharge pressure 6. Low suction pressure 7. High suction pressure 8. Evaporator Pressure too High 9. Evaporator Pressure too Low 	04
f)	Enlist faults & remedies in comfort Heating System	04
	 (Any 2 points) Little or no heat: Causes: a. Air circulation not enough. b. Air in the heater core. c. Heat core is clogged d. Thermostat of engine cooling system is stuck open. Remedies: a. Blower motor or switch is at fault. Temperature door or cable may be adjusted. Leakage of air from heater housing may be stopped. b. Bleed air out. c. Core should be repaired or replaced. 	02



	d. Replace the thermostat.	
	2. Defrosting insufficient:	
	Causes:	02
	a. Control cable of defrost door is out of adjustment.	
	b. Defrost outlets blocked.	
	Remedies:	
	a. Cable should be readjusted.	
	b. Remove the obstructions	